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SUBJECT: HILTON HOTELS PROBLEM

REF: STATE 226072

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE MESSAGE, I DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF HILTON HOTELS WITH FINANCE SECRETARY LOPEZ PORTILLO. HE INDICATED THAT MATTER OF COURSE SEEMED TO BE A LEGAL ONE BUT THAT NEVERTHELESS UNDER CERTAIN UNSPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MIGHT INTERVENE IF IT SEEMED THAT US-MEXICAN RELATIONS WERE AFFECTED ADVERSELY. HE STRESSED THAT EX-PRESIDENT MIGUEL ALEMAN WAS ACTING AS A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL IN THIS CASE AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS IN NO WAY INVOLVED. HE SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE BEST WAS TO OBTAIN THE FULL STORY FROM ALEMAN'S SIDE WOULD BE TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH HIM AND I AM PLANNING TO SEE HIM IN THIS CONTEXT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. LOPEZ PORTILLO SAID HE WAS GOOD FRIEND OF THE LAWYER OF HILTON (AGUILAR Y QUEVEDO) AND THAT HE WAS AN EXCEPTIONALLY ABLE LAWYER.

2. LOPEZ PROTILLO SAID THAT THIS MATTER HAD NOT COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT GENERALLY ALTHOUGH ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA UNDOUBTEDLY KNEW OF IT IN GENERAL TERMS. HE CONCLUDED THAT APPARENTLY MATTER SHOULD BE SETTLED IN COURTS AND HE BELIEVED COURTS WOULD GIVE AN IMPARTIAL HEARING TO THE HILTON CASE IN SPITE OF THE POLITICAL INFLUENCE OF ALEMAN.

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HOWEVER HE STATED IN TERMINATING CONVERSATION THAT I WAS FREE TO

COME BACK TO HIM IF MY TALK WITH ALEMAN WAS UNSUCCESSFUL AND
COURT HEARINGS DID NOT SEEM TO BE PROGRESSING.
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